RESOLUTION 08-36(A)

OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, REQUESTING COLLABORATION OF THE CITY OF HOMER AND THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE CAUSAL FACTORS OF BLUFF EROSION AND FLOODING ON KACHEMAK DRIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHEREAS, Numerous Kachemak Drive property owners have witnessed alarming acceleration of bluff erosion and numerous incidences of property-threatening floods since the 2001 Kachemak Drive Road Improvement Project was initiated; and

WHEREAS, Kachemak Drive residents have observed that two recent flood mitigation projects including the 2005 French Drain and Cross Culvert Project and the 2007 Drainage Improvement Culvert Project at 5014 Kachemak Drive have not functioned as intended; and

WHEREAS, State of Alaska Administrative Order No. 175 order #3 states that "State agencies responsible for the construction of or the administration of grant or loan programs involving the construction of buildings, structures, roads or other facilities shall consider the potential of flood proofing, building elevation and erosion control measures in flood and erosion prone areas"; and

WHEREAS, State of Alaska Administrative Order No. 175 order #5 states that "State agencies responsible for programs that affect land use planning, including state permit program, shall, consistent with existing statutory and regulatory requirements, take flood and erosion hazards into account when evaluating plans and permits and shall encourage land use approximate to the degree of the hazard involved"; and

WHEREAS, Many Kachemak Drive residents are concerned that their property will be irremediably lost or damaged, values diminished, or homes lost as a result of future improvements and landscape developments that may have unwanted negative consequences on this delicate and sensitive landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, requests collaboration of the City of Homer and the Alaska Department of Transportation on a thorough investigation of the causal factors of bluff erosion and flooding on Kachemak Drive as soon as possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10th day of March, 2008.

CITY OF HOMER

JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A